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Descriptive Paragraph, 2nd try

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Title

It was a Friday morning ^{on} of a cold and snow December day in Michigan when my husband and I woke up ^{WF} to organize our luggage to go to Brazil ^{awoke on the day we were to fly home to Brazil to visit our family and friends.} to visit our family and friends. We had six total huge suitcases ^a pack ^{of six} with clothes and presents ^{gifts} for all our family and friends. We had not been there in two years, for this reason we were very excited and anxious about this trip. After three hours finishing to pack and organize our house, we finally left. ^{Try not to use "empty" adverbs like "very" and "really".} We schedule a taxi to pick us up at home and take us to the bus station to get the bus to Detroit airport. After two hours drive in the bus, we arrived at Detroit Airport. This was only the first step of our long journey. We waited around 2 hours until we board in the airplane. ^{and headed to} This was a two-hour flight to Atlanta, where we were going to get our flight to Rio. The airplane seat was very small and uncomfortable, but we were glad to be going to our home country. When our plane was arriving in Atlanta and almost ready to land, the airplane lane was full and we could not land in the expected time. ^{catch a} We only landed ^{the} 30 minutes later and our flight to Rio was going to depart in 30 minutes. We were really late and afraid that we were going to lose our flight. We ran like Usain Bolt to arrive in time for our flight to Rio. ^{miss} We were thinking that we were going to be the last people to get on board if we made it. However, when we arrived in our gate, it was the most crowd gate that I have ever seen. ^{the whole time} We could hear people speaking Portuguese and we could notice that our flight was late. After some minutes waiting on the gate, a person from the flight ^{an airline employee} ^{at} ^{time}

company was saying in the microphone that the plane was overbooked and they were ^{the airline ~~was~~ needed} ^{PR} looking for volunteers to stay the night in Atlanta and get the same flight in the next night. We volunteered ourselves and we got a deal with the company that included a \$ ^{for \$600 in Delta flight ~~vouchers~~} 600 bonus on Delta, expenses for one day in Atlanta and first class the next day. We did not think twice before we accepted the deal. We were very anxious to go to Brazil, but we knew that this deal would help us in ^{we have more ~~travel~~} other opportunities in the future. ^{to travel to Brazil.} Consequently, the next day we flew to Brazil very excited enjoying a lot the first class. Thank God!! We were relief to finally arrive in Rio de Janeiro Airport. After a long time without seeing our parents we finally met them with a lot of love, happiness, and tears in our eyes.

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Expository Paragraph, D2

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Another experience that made me grow as a person when I moved to the US, it was the first time that I lived without them. I had an opportunity to take care of my own life, do everything I wanted to do and go everywhere I wanted to go without their consent. However, freedom has a price. When I was living with my parents, I have everything available for me such as food, money, and living expenses. Thus, I did not need to worry about important tasks that people who live alone need to deal with. When I moved to US, I have to pay bills every month, do grocery and laundry, clean my house, take care of my food, and many other tasks that I never had to do before when I was living with my parents. Although nobody likes to do these duties, they are important responsibilities that you need to do by yourself. You only will learn this when you are living by your own. Living alone for the first time in a new culture and country and without my parents, made this learning experience even more complicated and difficult for me. Sometimes even simple tasks and choices were complex for me, because I did not know what would be better for me to do. Since the distance between my parents and I was huge, I could not get advice on my choices that I had to make. Even simple decisions that I had to make were difficult, for example, what type of food I would buy for dinner. I had a lot of opinions from them for everything I used to do. This was good in a certain way because I could base my choices on what they think.

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However, it made me dependent on them that even to decide between two shirts was a difficult task for me. Therefore, living alone in the US made me more independent and mature.